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## IN THE SENATE

## SENATE BILL NO. 1010

## BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT
RELATING TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION; AMENDING SECTION 72-102, IDAHO CODE,
TO REMOVE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; AMENDING
SECTION 72-436, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING BURIAL EX-
PENSES; AMENDING SECTION 20-245, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE
REFERENCE; AMENDING SECTION 72-438, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE A CORRECT
CODE REFERENCE; AND AMENDING SECTION 72-451, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE
CORRECT CODE REFERENCES

- Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:
- SECTION 1. That Section 72-102, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 72-102. DEFINITIONS. Words and terms used in the worker's compensation law, unless the context otherwise requires, are defined in the subsections which follow:
- (1) "Alien" means a person who is not a citizen, a national or a resident of the United States or Canada. Any person not a citizen or national of the United States who relinquishes or is about to relinquish his residence in the United States shall be regarded as an alien.
- (2) "Balance billing" means charging, billing, or otherwise attempting to collect directly from an injured employee payment for medical services in excess of amounts allowable in compensable claims as provided by rules promulgated by the commission pursuant to section 72-508, Idaho Code.
- (3) "Beneficiary" means any person who is entitled to income benefits or medical and related benefits under this law.
- (4) "Burial expenses" means a sum, not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for funeral and burial or cremation, together with the actual expenses of transportation of the employee's body to his place of residence within the United States or Canada.
  - (5) "Commission" means the industrial commission.
  - (65) "Community service worker" means:
  - (a) Any person who has been convicted of a criminal offense, any juvenile who has been found to be within the purview of chapter 5, title 20, Idaho Code, and who has been informally diverted under the provisions of section 20-511, Idaho Code, or any person or youth who has been diverted from the criminal or juvenile justice system and who performs a public service for any department, institution, office, college, university, authority, division, board, bureau, commission, council, or other entity of the state, or any city, county, school district, irrigation district or other taxing district authorized to levy a tax or an assessment or any other political subdivision or any private not-for-profit agency which has elected worker's compensation insurance coverage for such person; or

- (b) Parolees under department of correction supervision, probationers under court order or department of correction supervision and offender residents of community work centers under the direction or order of the board of correction who are performing public service or community service work for any of the entities specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection other than the department of correction.
- (76) "Compensation" used collectively means any or all of the income benefits and the medical and related benefits and medical services.
- (87) "Custom farmer" means a person who contracts to supply operated equipment to a proprietor of a farm for the purpose of performing part or all of the activities related to raising or harvesting agricultural or horticultural commodities.
- (98) "Death" means death resulting from an injury or occupational disease.
  - (109) Dependency limitations.

- (a) "Adopted" and "adoption" include cases where persons are treated as adopted as well as those of legal adoption unless legal adoption is specifically provided.
- (b) "Brother" and "sister" include stepbrothers and stepsisters, half brothers and half sisters, and brothers and sisters by adoption.
- (c) "Child" includes adopted children, posthumous children, and acknowledged illegitimate children, but does not include stepchildren unless actually dependent.
- (d) "Grandchild" includes children of legally adopted children and children of stepchildren, but does not include stepchildren of children, stepchildren of stepchildren, or stepchildren of adopted children unless actually dependent.
- (e) "Parent" includes stepparents and parents by adoption.
- (f) "Grandparent" includes parents of parents by adoption, but does not include parents of stepparents, stepparents of parents, or stepparents of stepparents.
- $(1\pm0)$  "Disability," for purposes of determining total or partial temporary disability income benefits, means a decrease in wage-earning capacity due to injury or occupational disease, as such capacity is affected by the medical factor of physical impairment, and by pertinent nonmedical factors as provided in section 72-430, Idaho Code.
- (121) "Employee" is synonymous with "workman" and means any person who has entered into the employment of, or who works under contract of service or apprenticeship with, an employer. It does not include any person engaged in any of the excepted employments enumerated in section 72-212, Idaho Code, unless an election as provided in section 72-213, Idaho Code, has been filed. It does, however, include a volunteer firefighter for purposes of section 72-438(12) and (14), Idaho Code. Any reference to an employee who has been injured shall, where the employee is dead, include a reference to his dependents as herein defined, if the context so requires, or, where the employee is a minor or incompetent, to his committee or guardian or next friend.
  - (132) (a) "Employer" means any person who has expressly or impliedly hired or contracted the services of another. It includes contractors and subcontractors. It includes the owner or lessee of premises, or other person who is virtually the proprietor or operator of the busi-

ness there carried on, but who, by reason of there being an independent contractor or for any other reason, is not the direct employer of the workers there employed. It also includes, for purposes of section 72-438(12) and (14), Idaho Code, a municipality, village, county or fire district that utilizes the services of volunteer firefighters. If the employer is secured, it means his surety so far as applicable.

- (b) "Professional employer" means a professional employer as defined in chapter 24, title 44, Idaho Code.
- (c) "Temporary employer" means the employer of temporary employees as defined in section 44-2403(7), Idaho Code.
- (d) "Work site employer" means the client of the temporary or professional employer with whom a worker has been placed.
- $(14\underline{3})$  "Farm labor contractor" means any person or his agent or subcontractor who, for a fee, recruits and employs farmworkers and performs any farm labor contracting activity.
- (154) "Gender and number." The masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter; "husband" or "wife" includes "spouse"; the singular number includes plural and the plural the singular.
- (165) "Income benefits" means payments provided for or made under the provisions of this law to the injured employee disabled by an injury or occupational disease, or his dependents in case of death, excluding medical and related benefits.
- $(17\underline{6})$  "Independent contractor" means any person who renders service for a specified recompense for a specified result, under the right to control or actual control of his principal as to the result of his work only and not as to the means by which such result is accomplished. For the purposes of worker's compensation law, a custom farmer is considered to be an independent contractor.
  - (187) "Injury" and "accident."

- (a) "Injury" means a personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in the course of any employment covered by the worker's compensation law.
- (b) "Accident" means an unexpected, undesigned, and unlooked for mishap, or untoward event, connected with the industry in which it occurs, and which can be reasonably located as to time when and place where it occurred, causing an injury.
- (c) "Injury" and "personal injury" shall be construed to include only an injury caused by an accident, which results in violence to the physical structure of the body. The terms shall in no case be construed to include an occupational disease and only such nonoccupational diseases as result directly from an injury.
- (198) "Manifestation" means the time when an employee knows that he has an occupational disease, or whenever a qualified physician shall inform the injured worker that he has an occupational disease.
- (2019) "Medical and related benefits" means payments provided for or made for medical, hospital, burial and other services as provided in this law other than income benefits.
- $(2\pm 0)$  "Medical services" means medical, surgical, dental or other attendance or treatment, nurse and hospital service, medicines, apparatus, appliances, prostheses, and related services, facilities and supplies.

(221) "Occupational diseases."

- (a) "Occupational disease" means a disease due to the nature of an employment in which the hazards of such disease actually exist, are characteristic of, and peculiar to the trade, occupation, process, or employment, but shall not include psychological injuries, disorders or conditions unless the conditions set forth in section 72-451, Idaho Code, are met.
- (b) "Contracted" and "incurred," when referring to an occupational disease, shall be deemed the equivalent of the term "arising out of and in the course of" employment.
- (c) "Disablement," except in the case of silicosis, means the event of an employee's becoming actually and totally incapacitated because of an occupational disease from performing his work in the last occupation in which injuriously exposed to the hazards of such disease; and "disability" means the state of being so incapacitated.
- (d) "Disablement," in the case of silicosis, means the event of first becoming actually incapacitated, because of such disease, from performing any work in any remunerative employment; and "disability" means the state of being so incapacitated.
- (e) "Silicosis" means the characteristic fibrotic condition of the lungs caused by the inhalation of silicon dioxide  $(SiO_2)$  dust.
- (232) "Outworker" means a person to whom articles or materials are furnished to be treated in any way on premises not under the control or management of the person who furnished them.
- (243) "Person" means the state or any political subdivision thereof, or any individual, partnership, firm, association, trust, corporation, including the state insurance fund, or any representative thereof.
- $(25\underline{4})$  "Physician" means medical physicians and surgeons, ophthalmologists, otorhinolaryngologists, dentists, osteopaths, osteopathic physicians and surgeons, optometrists, podiatrists, chiropractic physicians, and members of any other healing profession licensed or authorized by the statutes of this state to practice such profession within the scope of their practice as defined by the statutes of this state and as authorized by their licenses.
- $(2\overline{65})$  "Provider" means any person, firm, corporation, partnership, association, agency, institution, or other legal entity providing any kind of medical services related to the treatment of an injured employee which are compensable under Idaho's worker's compensation law.
  - (276) "Secretary" means the secretary of the commission.
- (287) "Self-insurer" means an employer who has been authorized under the provisions of this law to carry his own liability to his employees covered by this law.
- (298) "State" includes any state, district, commonwealth, zone or territory of the United States or any province of Canada.
- (3029) "Surety" means any insurer authorized to insure or guarantee payment of worker's compensation liability of employers in any state; it also includes the state insurance fund, a self-insurer and an inter-insurance exchange.

 $(3\pm\underline{0})$  "United States," when used in a geographic sense, means the several states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the territories of the United States.

- $(32\underline{1})$  "Volunteer emergency responder" means a firefighter or peace officer, or publicly employed certified personnel who is a bona fide member of a legally organized law enforcement agency, a legally organized fire department or a licensed emergency medical service provider organization who contributes services.
- (332) "Wages" and "wage-earning capacity" prior to the injury or disablement from occupational disease mean the employee's money payments for services as calculated under section 72-419, Idaho Code, and shall additionally include the reasonable market value of board, rent, housing, lodging, fuel, and other advantages which can be estimated in money which the employee receives from the employer as part of his remuneration, and gratuities received in the course of employment from others than the employer. "Wages" shall not include sums which the employer has paid to the employee to cover any special expenses entailed on him by the nature of his employment.
- $(34\underline{3})$  "Wages" and "wage-earning capacity" after the injury or disablement from occupational disease shall be presumed to be the actual earnings after the injury or disablement, which presumption may be overcome by showing that those earnings do not fairly and reasonably represent wage-earning capacity; in such a case, wage-earning capacity shall be determined in the light of all factors and circumstances which may affect the worker's capacity to earn wages.
- $(35\underline{4})$  "Work experience student" means any person enrolled in the public school districts or public institutions of higher education of this state and who, as part of his instruction, is enrolled in a class or program for academic credit and for which the student is employed by, or works for, a private or governmental entity. The student need not receive wages from the private or governmental entity in order to be classified as a work experience student.
- (365) "Worker's compensation law" or "workmen's compensation law" means and includes the worker's compensation law of this state and any like or similar law of any state, United States, territory, or province of Canada.
- SECTION 2. That Section 72-436, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 72-436. BURIAL EXPENSES. If death results from the injury within four (4) years, the employer shall pay to the person entitled to compensation, or if there is none then to the personal representative of the deceased employee, the actual amount of burial expenses as defined in section 72-102(4), Idaho Code a sum not to exceed six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for funeral and burial or cremation, together with the actual expenses of transportation of the employee's body to his place of residence within the United States or Canada.
- SECTION 3. That Section 20-245, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- OFFENDER LABOR ON STATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS. (1) Offender labor on state projects. The state board of correction shall have the authority to use, under such rules as they may prescribe, the labor of offenders either within or without the walls of the penitentiary and on all public works done under the direct control of the state; that offender labor under control of the state board of correction shall manufacture and repair state highway signs, except for highways and projects where federal regulations would prohibit the use of signs so manufactured; provided, that so far as practicable any manufacture conducted within the walls shall be in connection with metal motor license plates, road or street signs furnished by the state or used by its municipalities, wearing apparel, articles and containers, for state use in the various departments or institutions of the state not for sale upon the open market. When any product produced by the offender shall be used by any department or other institution of the state, the current appropriation shall receive from such department or institution such reimbursement therefor as may be fixed by the state board of correction with the approval of the state board of examiners.
- (2) Offender labor on community service projects. The state board of correction shall have the authority to assign parolees under department of correction supervision, probationers under court order or department of correction supervision and offender residents of community work centers under the direction or order of the board of correction, as community service workers as set forth in section  $72-102\left(\frac{65}{2}\right)$ , Idaho Code. The state board of correction shall have the authority to charge offenders performing community service work an hourly fee in an amount to be determined by the state insurance fund, to be remitted to the state insurance fund for purposes of providing worker's compensation insurance for parolees, probationers or community work center residents assigned as community service workers.
- SECTION 4. That Section 72-438, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 72-438. OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES. Compensation shall be payable for disability or death of an employee resulting from the following occupational diseases:
- (1) Poisoning by lead, mercury, arsenic, zinc, or manganese, their preparations or compounds in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (2) Carbon monoxide poisoning or chlorine poisoning in any process or occupation involving direct exposure to carbon monoxide or chlorine in buildings, sheds, or enclosed places.
- (3) Poisoning by methanol, carbon bisulphide, hydrocarbon distillates (naphthas and others) or halogenated hydrocarbons, or any preparations containing these chemicals or any of them, in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (4) Poisoning by benzol or by nitro, amido, or amino-derivatives of benzol (dinitro-benzol, anilin and others) or their preparations or compounds in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (5) Glanders in the care or handling of any equine animal or the carcass of any such animal.

- (6) Radium poisoning by or disability due to radioactive properties of substances or to roentgen ray (X-ray) in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (7) Poisoning by or ulceration from chromic acid or bichromate of ammonium, potassium, or sodium or their preparations, or phosphorus preparations or compounds, in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (8) Ulceration due to tar, pitch, bitumen, mineral oil, or paraffin, or any compound product, or residue of any of these substances, in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (9) Dermatitis venenata, that is, infection or inflammation of the skin, furunculosis excepted, due to oils, cutting compounds, lubricants, liquids, fumes, gases, or vapors in any occupation involving direct contact therewith, handling thereof, or exposure thereto.
- (10) Anthrax occurring in any occupation involving the handling of or exposure to wool, hair, bristles, hides, skins, or bodies of animals either alive or dead.
- (11) Silicosis in any occupation involving direct contact with, handling of, or exposure to dust of silicon dioxide  $(SiO_2)$ .
- (12) Cardiovascular or pulmonary or respiratory diseases of a fire-fighter, employed by or volunteering for a municipality, village or fire district as a regular member of a lawfully established fire department, caused by overexertion in times of stress or danger or by proximate exposure or by cumulative exposure over a period of four (4) years or more to heat, smoke, chemical fumes or other toxic gases arising directly out of, and in the course of, his employment.
- (13) Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-related complexes (ARC), other manifestations of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infections, infectious hepatitis viruses and tuberculosis in any occupation involving exposure to human blood or body fluids.
  - (14) Firefighter occupational diseases:

- (a) As used in this subsection, "firefighter" means an employee whose primary duty is that of extinguishing or investigating fires as part of a fire district, fire department or fire brigade.
- (b) If a firefighter is diagnosed with one (1) or more of the following diseases after the period of employment indicated in subparagraphs (i) through (xi) of this paragraph, and the disease was not revealed during an initial employment medical screening examination that was performed according to such standards and conditions as may be established at the sole discretion of the governing board having authority over a given fire district, fire department, or fire brigade, then the disease shall be presumed to be proximately caused by the firefighter's employment as a firefighter:
  - (i) Brain cancer after ten (10) years;
  - (ii) Bladder cancer after twelve (12) years;
  - (iii) Kidney cancer after fifteen (15) years;
  - (iv) Colorectal cancer after ten (10) years;
  - (v) Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma after fifteen (15) years;
  - (vi) Leukemia after five (5) years;

(vii) Mesothelioma after ten (10) years;

 (viii) Testicular cancer after five (5) years if diagnosed before the age of forty (40) years with no evidence of anabolic steroids or human growth hormone use;

- (ix) Breast cancer after five (5) years if diagnosed before the age of forty (40) years without a breast cancer 1 or breast cancer 2 genetic predisposition to breast cancer;
- (x) Esophageal cancer after ten (10) years; and
- (xi) Multiple myeloma after fifteen (15) years.
- (c) The presumption created in this subsection may be overcome by substantial evidence to the contrary. If the presumption is overcome by substantial evidence, then the firefighter or the beneficiaries must prove that the firefighter's disease was caused by his or her duties of employment.
- (d) The presumption created in this subsection shall not preclude a firefighter from demonstrating a causal connection between employment and disease or injury by a preponderance of evidence before the Idaho industrial commission.
- (e) The presumption created in this subsection shall not apply to any specified disease diagnosed more than ten (10) years following the last date on which the firefighter actually worked as a firefighter as defined in paragraph (a) of this subsection. Nor shall the presumption apply if a firefighter or a firefighter's cohabitant has regularly and habitually used tobacco products for ten (10) or more years prior to the diagnosis.
- (f) The periods of employment described in paragraph (b) of this subsection refer to periods of employment within the state of Idaho.

Recognizing that additional toxic or harmful substances or matter are continually being discovered and used or misused, the above enumerated occupational diseases are not intended to be exclusive, but such additional diseases shall not include hazards that are common to the public in general and that are not within the meaning of section  $72-102\left(221\right)$  (a), Idaho Code, and the diseases enumerated in subsection (12) of this section pertaining to firefighters shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed in section 72-439, Idaho Code.

SECTION 5. That Section 72-451, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 72-451. PSYCHOLOGICAL ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES. (1) Psychological injuries, disorders or conditions shall not be compensated under this title, unless the following conditions are met:
  - (a) Such injuries of any kind or nature emanating from the workplace shall be compensated only if caused by accident and physical injury as defined in section  $72-102\left(187\right)$  (a) through (187) (c), Idaho Code, or only if accompanying an occupational disease with resultant physical injury, except that a psychological mishap or event may constitute an accident where:
    - (i) It results in resultant physical injury as long as the psychological mishap or event meets the other criteria of this section;

- (ii) It is readily recognized and identifiable as having occurred in the workplace; and
- (iii) It must be the product of a sudden and extraordinary event;
- (b) No compensation shall be paid for such injuries arising from conditions generally inherent in every working situation or from a personnel-related action including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, changes in duty, job evaluation or employment termination;
- (c) Such accident and injury must be the predominant cause as compared to all other causes combined of any consequence for which benefits are claimed under this section;
- (d) Where psychological causes or injuries are recognized by this section, such causes or injuries must exist in a real and objective sense;
- (e) Any permanent impairment or permanent disability for psychological injury recognizable under the Idaho worker's compensation law must be based on a condition sufficient to constitute a diagnosis using the terminology and criteria of the American psychiatric association's diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, third edition revised, or any successor manual promulgated by the American psychiatric association, and must be made by a psychologist or psychiatrist duly licensed to practice in the jurisdiction in which treatment is rendered; and
- (f) Clear and convincing evidence that the psychological injuries arose out of and in the course of the employment from an accident or occupational disease as contemplated in this section is required.
- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as allowing compensation for psychological injuries from psychological causes without accompanying physical injury.
- (3) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall apply to accidents and injuries occurring on or after July 1, 1994, and to causes of action for benefits accruing on or after July 1, 1994, notwithstanding that the original worker's compensation claim may have occurred prior to July 1, 1994.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, post-traumatic stress injury suffered by a first responder is a compensable injury or occupational disease when the following conditions are met:
  - (a) The first responder is examined and subsequently diagnosed with post-traumatic stress injury by a psychologist, a psychiatrist duly licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where treatment is rendered, or a counselor trained in post-traumatic stress injury; and
  - (b) Clear and convincing evidence indicates that the post-traumatic stress injury was caused by an event or events arising out of and in the course of the first responder's employment.
- (5) No compensation shall be paid for such injuries described in subsection (2) of this section arising from a personnel-related action including, but not limited to, disciplinary action, changes in duty, job evaluation, or employment termination.
  - (6) As used in subsection (4) of this section:
  - (a) "Post-traumatic stress injury" means a disorder that meets the diagnostic criteria for post-traumatic stress disorder or post-traumatic stress injury specified by the American psychiatric association's di-

agnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fifth edition revised, or any successor manual promulgated by the American psychiatric association.

(b) "First responder" means:

- (i) A peace officer as defined in section 19-5101(d), Idaho Code, when employed by a city, county, or the Idaho state police;
- (ii) A firefighter as defined in sections 59-1391(f) and 72-1403(A), Idaho Code;
- (iii) A volunteer emergency responder as defined in section  $72-102(3\frac{2}{2}1)$ , Idaho Code;
- (iv) An emergency medical service provider, or EMS provider, certified by the department of health and welfare pursuant to sections 56-1011 through 56-1018B, Idaho Code, and an ambulance-based clinician as defined in the rules governing emergency medical services as adopted by the department of health and welfare; and
- (v) An emergency communications officer as defined in section 19-5101(f), Idaho Code.
- (7) Subsections (4) through (6) of this section are effective for first responders with dates of injury or manifestations of occupational disease on or after July 1, 2019.